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1. "With reference to the conflict between the Communist Party of Yugoslavia and the Cominform or, better, with the Communist Party of Soviet Russia, owing to which the Communist Party of Yugoslavia has severed its links with the existing Socialist bloc, attention is drawn to various comments circulating among the masses. It is said, for instance, that the break is of a basic nature, a matter of principle, and that it therefore means not only a severance from the Communist ideal in general but also a return back to the bourgeois democratic way of life. On the other hand, belief has been expressed in some parts of the masses that the break of the Yugoslav Communist Party with the Cominform is a tactical maneuver only of International Communism.
2. "Both interpretations are wrong, and both are equally dangerous.
3. "The first interpretation is made to slowly disintegrate the class consciousness of the workers and the peasants, and to diminish the hatred against the capitalist system and the capitalist countries. It is therefore the duty of the People's Front strictly to adhere to, and to educate its members in, the spirit of Marx and Lenin as well as to protect them against the damaging influences of the capitalist bourgeois conception of life.
4. "The second interpretation is made to weaken the defensive power of the state since it implies that, after all, Soviet Russia and her satellites are or will be, the winning party.
5. "The following tasks are to be carried out by the People's Front as from May 1st, 1951, onward:

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- a. "The People's Front is required to set up with each of its units (that is, on the lowest level, in villages, town districts, streets) special cultural sections in which the 'Party Line' will be studied, explained and analyzed, and where social consciousness will be built up and political events will be examined upon the background of the 'Party Line.'"
- b. "The people's Front is furthermore required to organize political courses of from two to four weeks, according to need and opportunities. During these political courses the 'Party Line' of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia will be studied and explained in detail, taking special care of deriving it from the doctrine of Marx and Lenin."
- c. "The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia will put at the disposal of the People's Front of all levels special instructors and propagandists to whom the People's Front is required to entrust all tasks of education and re-education in the above sense."
- d. "The People's Front is required to impress upon its members the strictest duty everywhere to defend the belief that collapse of capitalism is unavoidable and that the working class will take the power everywhere. It also should be stressed at every given occasion that the Communist Party of Soviet Russia will, some day, change its political line and revert to the old traditional revolutionary road."
- e. "It is finally made the duty of the People's Front to teach on all levels, and to propagate the belief that all progressive masses of the world enthusiastically support the policy of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia and that Yugoslavia has become the most revolutionary center of the world."

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